

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 176 OF 2011

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Belden, Bentley, Merlino, Champagne, Monroe, McCoy, Conover, Wood and Taylor

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE FOREST PRESERVE LANDS IN THE TOWNS OF
HORICON AND CHESTER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE RELOCATED MIDDLETON BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the existing Middleton Bridge crosses the Schroon River approximately ½ mile north of the Bolton Landing-Riverbank Road and I-87 Interchange between the Towns of Warrensburg and Bolton, and

WHEREAS, the County, through a federally funded project, proposes to remove the existing deficient structure and construct a new bridge approximately 1.8 miles north of the existing bridge adjacent to the intersection of East Schroon River Road and Burnt Hill Road in the Towns of Chester and Horicon (“Project”), and

WHEREAS, the proposed relocation of the Middleton Bridge would be on State land, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has stated that the State lands which would be impacted should be treated as Forest Preserve, and an amendment to Article 14 Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York will be necessary for the Project to proceed, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the State Legislature undertake the actions and approvals necessary to amend Article 14 Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York to authorize the use of State forest preserve lands in the Towns of Chester and Horicon for the construction of the relocated Middleton Bridge Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, County Attorney and such other officers as may be involved be and hereby are authorized and directed to undertake any actions necessary to seek an amendment to the State Constitution authorizing the use of State forest preserve lands for the construction of the relocated Middleton Bridge Project, and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward.